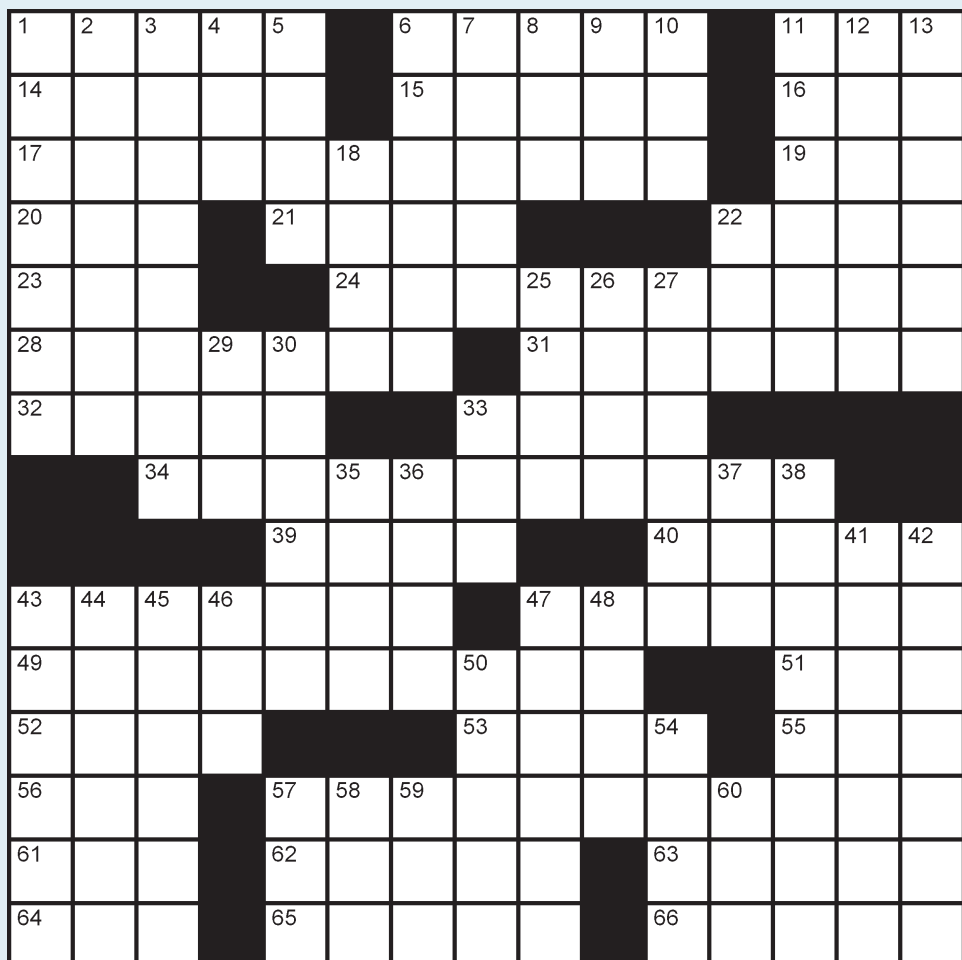


Broken Promise by David Tufts

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS: 1 Gender presentation that isn't masculine, 6 Touches, 11 Reggae relative, 14 Disney princess who grew up in Atlantica, 15 Media component that's Latin for "I hear", 16 Impressionist's skill, 17 High black card, 19 "Sharp" humor, 20 Takeoff guess at SFO, 21 Do, re or mi, 22 Homophone for 22-Down, 23 Auditing org., 24 Organization for Brownies, 28 Record spinners, 31 Excuse for a lack of decorum or homework, 32 Occupied, as a table, 33 Mosque leader, 34 The 'As in "fat cat," e.g. ... or three letters in 17-, 24-, 49- or 57-Across?
DOWN: 1 They might get you barred from bars, 2 African nation by the Red Sea, 3 Outlooks, 4 Mila's role on "Family Guy", 5 University near Duke, 6 "There's no denying it ...", 7 Mathematician known for e and i, 8 Extension for students?, 9 Women's \_\_\_\_, 10 Palindrome in English and Morse code, 11 Showed to the door, 12 Yamaguchi in a rink, 13 Swear (to), 18 Old-fashioned person, 22 Either digit in this clue's number, in Spanish, 25 Chauffeured ride, 26 Cabbage-based side, 27 Regain consciousness, 29 God, to Rastafarians, 30 Smaller than molecular, 33 Climbing vine, 35 Motorola flip phone, 36 Old Palm device with an apt first syllable, 37 Closer?, 38 Tragic tale, 41 Find a new home for, 42 Bonds (to), 43 They might make you red-faced, 44 Strong strings, 45 "Gotta hurry!", 46 What mythomaniacs do a lot, 47 Pressed, as a button, 48 Aspiring J.D.'s exam, 50 Get rolling, 54 Letters for letter carriers, 57 Doll whose last name is Carson, 58 "The One" in "The Matrix", 59 Wrath, 60 Pic on an ankle, say

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2022 Summer's First Wave



These early days of the solar shift into the first water sign of the zodiac will find an emotional equilibrium. Just as water naturally stabilizes in stillness, all will calmly settle into one body. Then a lunar alignment with Uranus is like a pebble drop, the perfectly symmetrical ripples soothing in their perfect expansion.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Cynicism isn't insightful or helpful or any more honest than uplifting commentary. You'll contribute in a more attractive mode of communication: the supportive language of optimism.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The apathetic may harbor no ill will. It's more likely that they just don't see what's at stake. Change will happen when people understand things differently. You'll earn trust by educating without pushing an agenda.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're so multifaceted that someone who only knows you in one context hardly knows you at all. Furthermore, you'd like to keep your mystery intact and will be skeptical of those who want to learn more. Let them earn the right.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Would you rather feel that everything is certain and nothing changes, or that nothing is certain and everything changes? The day's delight hinges on a balance of expected and unexpected events.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're old enough to take advantage of privileges that were out of reach when you were younger, and you can afford them now too. The best part is how you appreciate your position. Gratitude attracts good fortune.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Looking back, you now realize how many of your concerns back then were needless. It's safe to enjoy yourself now too. Trust future-you to handle the future and let present-you handle only this.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Success will be simple when you recognize what is and is not under your control then apply yourself only to the first group of circumstances. There is always more than enough to do in that category.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Caring isn't always a gentle tone. Sometimes caring shows up strong or impulsive, assertive or challenging. Relationships that are real, honest and in-the-moment are made up on the spot. They may not fit the mold.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When love troubles you, turn to friends, and when friends are the problem, turn to love. Knowing who you are and what you want makes it easier for others to figure out how to love you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The fun is at your house because people feel they can be themselves there. Your warmth and acceptance make it so! If you want them to leave, you'll have to tell them; none will get the hint.

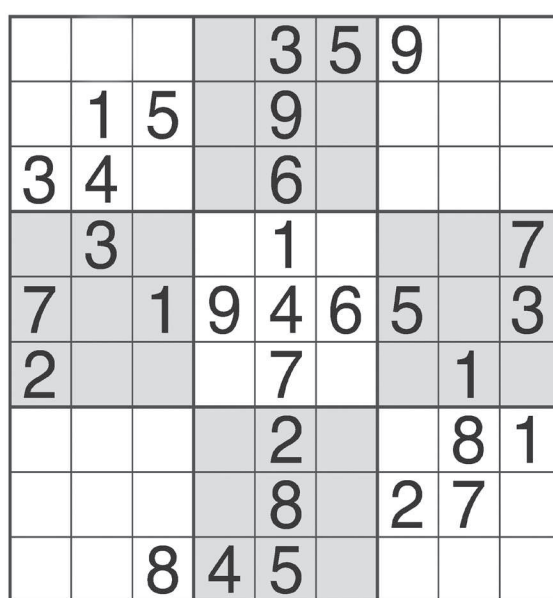
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll quietly suss out potential connections. You can tell who is going to be high-maintenance or tricky because early interactions reveal much. Many difficult people are worth the trouble.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Small acts of domesticity or self-care may not appear to be as significant to your well-being as big grand gestures, yet there's practical magic in simple things that will contribute enormously to happiness.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 24). You're humble and open to learning but you also sense when you must act in bold confidence. You won't be ready but say yes to the juicy opportunity anyway. Colleagues, friends and mentors help you squeeze the sweet potential from this scene and the new skills you add to your arsenal will apply later elsewhere. Virgo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 28, 13, 3, 33 and 17.

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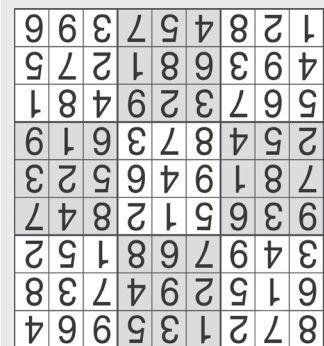
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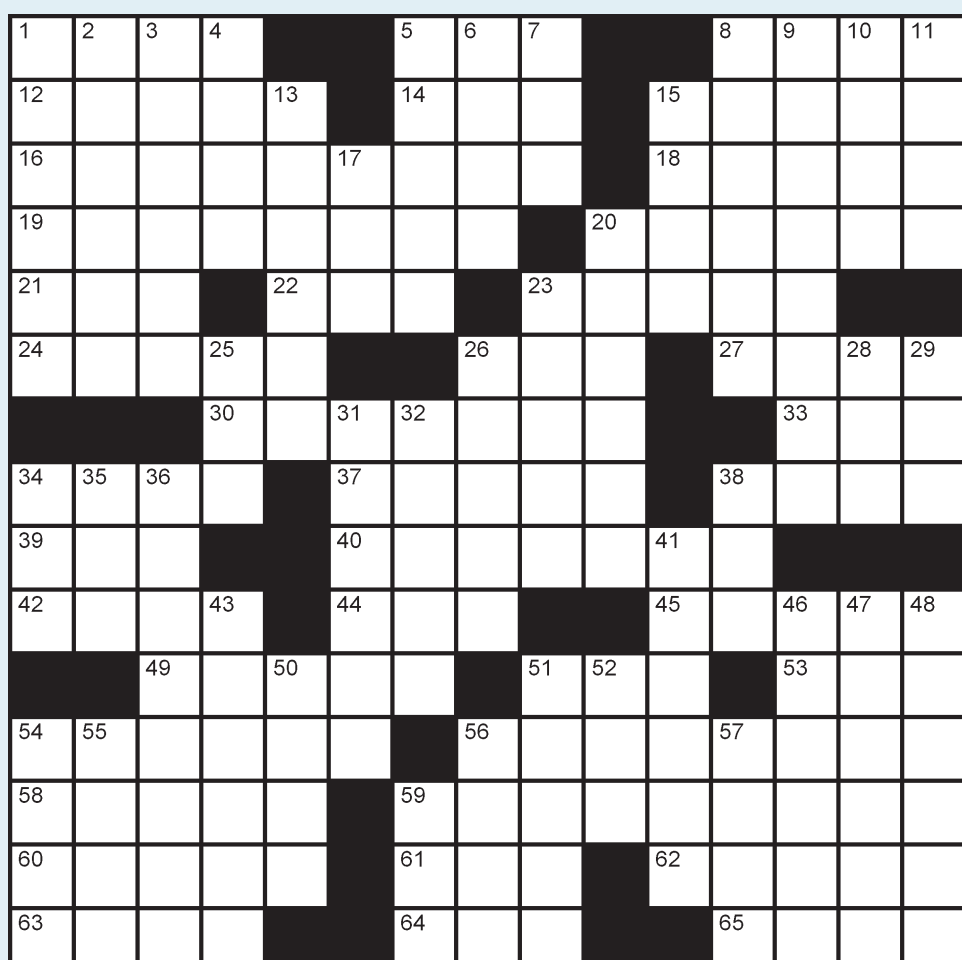


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Left Out? by Paul Steinberg and Karen Steinberg

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- ACROSS: 1 Kids' summer spot, 5 Taxi, 8 Lambs' mothers, 12 Bit the dust, 14 Bemoan, 15 Tinker's receiver in baseball, 16 Spewing fumes, say --> Moping, 18 Michael of Monty Python --> Nuisance, 19 Word before "group" or "rate", 20 Moves like a crab --> Slaw and fries, for two, 21 Golf ball stand, 22 Get 40 winks, 23 Diamond side, 24 "Same for me", 26 Six, in Italy, 27 Send, as a package, 30 Modernized, 33 Actress Longoria, 34 Biblical wise men, 37 Skating jumps ... or, read as two parts, a theme hint --> Graph lines, 38 Gem that may be black, 39 In the past, 40 Alerts in advance, 42 Hit with snowballs --> Ferret, e.g., 44 Cleaning pad brand, 45 Soviet first lady, 49 Statistic, 51 Letter before omega, 53 Go-to M.D., 54 Paris or Kathy --> Discover suddenly, 56 Military muckety-muck, 58 "My intent is ...", 59 It really sucks --> It does the heavy lifting, 60 Dishonor, 61 Argument, to a Brit, 62 Smooths in woodworking, 63 \_\_\_\_ Stadium (L.A. Rams' home), 64 Accept responsibility for, 65 W, directionally, 34 GPS forerunner, 35 Number that keeps rising, 36 Fancy foil --> Lose one's hearing, 38 Birds-feather connector, 41 Pats down, 43 Judo mat, 46 Apple product with a notch, 47 Nearly boils --> Oodles, 48 Source of college credit, in brief, 50 It's not what you say but how you say it, 51 Large shrimp, 52 Anatomical pouch, 54 Angry cat's sound, 55 Texter's POV lead-in, 56 Spread a dandelion --> Curtsy counterpart, 57 Fiona of "Killing Eve", 59 Sis' sib, say

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022 Neptune's Time Warp



Neptune, preparing for next week's retrograde, dreams forward and backward at once, pondering links of history and destiny. Destiny is like DNA. As interesting as it is to decode, it operates the same regardless of what is known about it. Ask questions if you must, but the answers we seek will be revealed through our actions, not our questions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your project has great significance to others, perhaps fulfilling a wish of one who came before or providing a vicarious thrill for someone who can't duplicate your success. This is not a burden; rather, it's extra motivation to succeed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've no interest in hollow encouragement. It takes effort to see another person's talent, and it takes creativity to imagine potentials. These qualities will be woven into the sort of support you give and receive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Pleasant surprises are still surprises. Today you'll prefer not to be startled any which way, and the precautions you take to guard your leisure and protect your bubble of coziness will make this a relaxing time indeed.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You don't have to do it all alone. There are many who would be happy to guide you. The trick is in posing the right questions. But even the wrong questions will get you a little closer to what you need, so just ask.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your feelings are interpretations of events. The events themselves are not good or bad and have no feeling at all until you make one inside you. You can remake feelings inside you too, which you'll do today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Worry, like the late afternoon sun, can give a long shadow to even very minor things. Conversations with the reasonable and competent will steer you away from unhelpful and distorted perspectives.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Thinking is harder than it looks, which is why it's so easy to get lazy and let others do it. Not today. You'll apply intellectual vigor to stay on top of business and find better deals and arrangements for you and yours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you don't get what you want the first time, it's not a sign that you should give up. What's worth having may come with the price tag of several failed attempts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's good to know that change is coming, though you dislike having change sprung on you at the last second. The excellent communicators who let you know what to expect will win your loyalty.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Human concerns may be an infinitesimal point in the cosmic immensity, but a single feeling can feel as heavy as the whole universe inside one person. Forget about scale. If it's a big deal to you, it's a big deal, period.

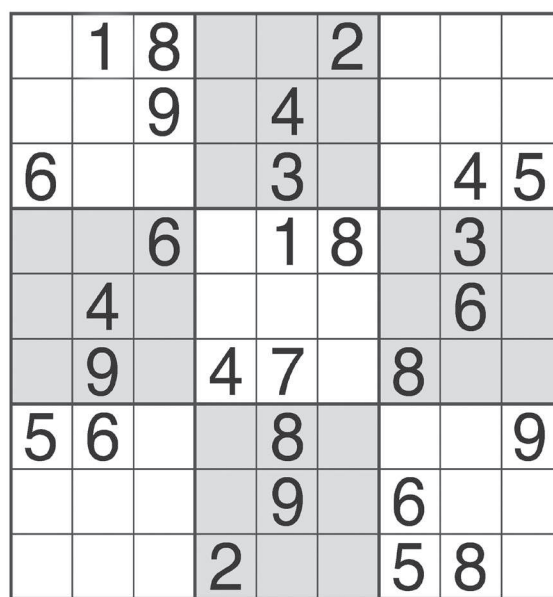
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The stronger stance is always the most compassionate one. Even so, compassion can come in many forms including tender, practical and even stern.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). No need to wait until you have the most comprehensive and up-to-date information because no one else has it either. You'll learn by doing. Until you apply yourself, you won't know what you know.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 25). Out of a few odd interests and some seemingly random wins, truly something remarkable comes together. Plans will be made and remade as a project grows to a size that helps the most people and uses the least resources. A charmed relationship will be the jewel of the year. You'll have a hot property on your hands. Leo and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 19, 3, 38 and 21.

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